

# Delaware Standardbred Breeders' Fund

## Board Meeting

**December 1, 2017**

Delaware Standardbred Breeders' Fund Board  
Department of Agriculture – Conference Room 1  
Dover, Delaware

### In Attendance:

Judy Davis-Wilson	Secretary M. Scuse
Andrew Kerber	Secretary R. Geisenberger
Garret Bell	Senator Bruce Ennis
John Hensley	Wayne Givens
Garnet O'Marrow	Linda MacDonald
Andrew Markano	

Also attended: Sal DiMario

*Matt Sparacino, Dan Keeler and Mark Davis were unable to attend this meeting.*

*Draft Minutes: Donna Krol*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 1:10 p.m., Judy Davis-Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Secretary Scuse will chair the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Secretary Scuse asked all in attendance if the minutes from 6-20-17 have been reviewed. Meeting minutes are e-mailed to each board member prior to the current meeting. No corrections were noted. Motion was made by Secretary Scuse to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by Garnet O'Marrow and seconded by Senator Ennis. Motion was passed with unanimous voice vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **- Final Proposal's:**

Rule 4.2 Beginning in race year 2012 ~~8, any four year old horse that was nominated by May 15<sup>th</sup> of its yearling year or supplemented y March 15<sup>th</sup> of its two year old year will be eligible to earn a bonus in overnight races conducted by a licensed harness race track in Delaware. A bonus payment of ten percent (10%) of any overnight purse earned shall be paid to the breeder of the eligible four year old and ten percent (10%) of any overnight purse earned shall be paid to the owner(s) or legal entity of record at the time of the race. the four year old bonus program will be terminated.~~

Motion was made by Secretary Scuse to approve the rule change as presented. Motion was carried by Garnet O'Marrow and seconded by Wayne Givens. Motion was passed with unanimous voice vote.

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### **OLD BUSINESS:** CONTINUED

Rule 9.2 Administrator of the Program shall compile bonus payments earned by breeders of Delaware Sires and Dams and maintain a separate ledger of them. Starting in race year 2012 ~~8, the Administrator of the Program shall compile bonus payments earned by breeders and owners of Delaware Standardbred Breeder's Fund four year olds in overnight races at each racing meet and maintain a separate ledger for them. Starting in race year 2015 bonus payments will be paid on consolation races. the four year old Bonus and the Consolation race bonus will be terminated.~~ Bonus payments will be paid out at the end of the racing year.

Motion was made by Secretary Scuse to approve the rule change as presented. Motion was carried by Senator Ennis and seconded by John Hensley. Motion was passed with unanimous voice vote.

Rule 13.7 No horse is eligible to declare unless it has at least one charted satisfactory performance line within 60 days of declaration and must meet the following qualifying standards:

2 Year Olds				3 Year Olds			
Pacers		Trotters		Pacers		Trotters	
<del>2:10</del>	<u>2:08</u>	<del>2:14</del>	<u>2:10</u>	2:06	<del>2:12</del>	<u>2:09</u>	

Motion was made by Secretary Scuse to approve the rule change as presented. Motion was carried by Wayne Givens and seconded by Senator Ennis. Motion was passed with unanimous voice vote.

~~Rule 14.5 The May 15<sup>th</sup> nomination payment or the March 15<sup>th</sup> \$350 supplement nomination must be made to be eligible to the four (4) year old bonus program.~~

Motion was made by Secretary Scuse to approve the rule change as presented. Motion was carried by Garnet O'Marrow and seconded by Wayne Givens. Motion was passed with unanimous voice vote.

*Appropriate signatures were collected from the Board Members.*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Governor and Secretary Scuse attended the races on November 30, 2017. There was a great turnout and the Governor was very pleased. Handles was estimated at \$574,000.
- The program lineup for November 30, 2017 worked well and will be repeated in 2018.
- Judy Davis-Wilson noted that going in to 2018 the DSBF will be below the 3 million mark.

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### **NEW BUSINESS:** CONTINUED

- Andrew Markano held a discussion on this year's draw schedule. Consolation races drew on Friday 11-24-17 and the Finals were drawn on Monday, 11-27-17. He feels consolation races and final races should be drawn on the same day to protect the integrity of the draw process and to avoid a potential for problems. Discussion was heard. John Hensley noted that the draw schedule also has to allow the draw to clear and the program printed. He also noted that horseman who enter the consolation should also enter the final, in the event horses scratch from the final. This refers to the top 8 point winners as stated in the DSBF regulations. Judy stated that she called 1 person this year (Mark Gray) everyone else was already entered. It was determined that there was not an actual problem this year with the draw.

Looking at 2018 the draw schedule will be as follows:

Draw on 11-23-18 for 11-28-18 racing

Draw on 11-26-18 for 11-29-18 racing

**Action Item: 2018 Notification - Secretary Scuse would like the DSBF to reach out to everyone who is able to race and inform them of their options - Judy Davis-Wilson will take care of this.**

- Garnet O'Marrow noted the lack of programs available at Dover on 11-30-17. Programs should be made available to the DSBF Consolation and Final participants.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sal DiMario asked about the 2018 Race Dates for the DSBF. Will they start in the spring or fall? John Hensley would like to see that races in the Spring 2018 (the last three weeks of March) if they go to the Fall the races will be in December not November. (12-3-18 will be the first elimination if done in the fall). Judy Davis-Wilson stated that the DSBF dictates when the races will be and that has not been decided yet.

### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

- With no further business to discuss Secretary Scuse called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Garnet O'Marrow and seconded by Senator Ennis. Motion was passed with unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.